



## Elaine Drake

June 3, 1941 - November 10, 2010

### Obituary of Elaine Drake

ELAINE T. DRAKE, 69, of The Villages, Florida, died Wednesday, November 10, 2010. She was born June 3, 1941 in Columbus, Ohio. She attended Ohio State and was an avid Buckeye Fan. She was a retired Laboratory Assistant. She moved to The Villages, FL in 2004 from Raleigh, NC. She attended North Lake Presbyterian Church Lady Lake, FL. Elaine (Giggles) was a member of Operation Shoebox and The Lions Club. She chaired the Pancake Breakfast for the benefit of Operation Shoebox. She enjoyed cooking, sewing and participating in the golf cart parades. She cherished quality time with her husband, children and granddaughter.

She is survived by:

Daughter: Dr. Kelly Lynn Drake of Baltimore, MD

Sons: David Thomas (Christie) Drake of Atlanta, GA

Richard Lewis Drake of The Villages, FL

Michael William Drake (Heather) of Essex Junction, VT

Granddaughter: Taylor Ashley Drake of Essex Junction, VT

Services will be at Beyers Funeral Chapel, Lady Lake, Fl. on Sunday, November 14 at 1.00 PM, with Pastor Dave Payton officiating. Family and friends may visit with the family from 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM at the funeral home prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Operation Shoebox, P.O. Box 1465, Belleview, FL 34420 or The Villagers for Hospice, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL 32162.

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# Tribute Wall

BM

“ David, We were sorry to hear about Elaine. We now have a grand daughter that lives in Raleigh and think about you two when we go there. In fact, we tried to look you up in Raleigh, but to no avail. I know that this is not an easy time, but we wish you the best.

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**Brian Edwards & Lillan McCubbin** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Dear Drake Family, No words can express the loss you are feeling now. My prayers are with you and family during this time. May Gods Love surround you and family and comfort you. Billy Farlie and Family

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**Billy Farlie** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Elaine & I worked together at Coldwell Banker. She was always a light in the room and I do remember her sweetness and (frequent) laughter-----a light has gone out in the world now. My condolences to all of her family. Sincerely,Becki Gershman

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**Becki Gershman** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Dear Friends, we share in your loss of your mother's passing. We all have such wonderful memories of your mom and your dad. They were a dynamic duo, and we shall never forget how they touched our lives. How wonderful that they can be together again, because they cherished each other and savored life together. We hope that you each will be comforted by all the wonderful memories that you all created together with your devoted parents. If you are in the Columbia area, please call and stop by (410-730-3751. We would love to see you. Having all of you down the street made for a great neighborhood, and we still miss all of you. What fun times we had!! We will send a memorial in honor of your mother's life well lived. Love and prayers, The Claunches

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**The Claunches** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We are sorry we could not make the celebration. The one for your father was wonderful and we sure the same for your mother. Her connection to us is Carole Katila is Jo Ann's sister. When children Elaine didnt have sibilings so she adopted me and became Halfie. We will miss your laughter and constant humor. Our best to all of you. We loved her. John and Jo Ann House

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**John and Jo Ann Wright House** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Carl and I were very sad about the news of Elaine's passing. We both send our condolence to all the family. We are very glad that we were able to visit Elaine this past summer while we were in Florida. We have very fond memories of Elaine and Dave and all you kids while you lived in Md. May God bless and keep you. Carl and Nancy Abernethy

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**Carl and Nancy Abernethy** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Sending you our love and support from Baltimore. To help carry on your parents work, we've sent a donation to Shoebox.. you're parents were special people and will be missed by so many they helped. with much love, golda and your friends here at JHU.

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**Golda and Kelly's JHU colleagues** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I became acquainted with Elaine through Dave. He and I were co-workers. I always felt comfort in their home. Yes, she always had that smile. Both will always be in my thoughts. Godspeed to the family.

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**Marshall Pierce** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Kelly, Mike, Dave & Richard, My heart goes out to you during this very difficult time. Your mom was one of the most wonderful people I have met in my life and was always there for Operation Shoebox making "special patriotic bags" for troops that were in need of a special pick me up. She always made sure she had some made to give to me. Your dad and mom were such a wonderful part of OSB going above and beyond to make sure we were able to get the care packages over to the troops. Katie has come to me more than once telling me how much she loved to hear your moms laughter and how it was so infectious and always made her smile. How it always made all of us smile. She was a special lady who touched the lives of many and we are better for knowing her. I will miss my hugs that I always got when I saw her and the beautiful smile she always gave me. She will live on in our hearts and never be forgotten. She will truly be missed..... Mary, Ron & Katie Harper

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**Mary Harper** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Elaine was my best friend in school and the Maid of Honor at my wedding in 1961. Indeed she was a lady of honor. Although we didn't get to spend much time together after school, I could call her and talk like we were never apart. We have all lost a very dear lady. My prayers are with your family at this difficult time. God Bless you.  
Polly

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**Polly (Patton) Turner** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Our condolences to you and your lovely family. Elaine was certainly a "one of a kind" sweet lady. Always had a cheerful smile even when she was going through her difficult times. Her laugh could be heard around the room she was in and was such a joy to hear. She will be truly missed by many, many of us at Operation Shoebox. She was a person who could never be replaced. We know that she is now in a better place with no pain and with her beloved Dave. God bless you all. Brenda Sprague

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**Brenda Sprague (sewing area)** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Elaine is our "adopted" sister and we are going to miss her so much. We have a lot of wonderful memories. We know that she is at peace now. God Bless!!

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**Jim and Nancy Richards** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ To all the Drake Family, Elaine "Giggles" was such a special person. Always so cheerful and uplifting and we will sorely miss her both personally and at our candy table at Shoeboxers. Our sincere condolences to all the family. May your faith sustain you during this difficult time.

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**Karl & Patty Loeper** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ It saddens me greatly to hear the Elaine passed away this week and to know that I never got to meet her in person. She became a friend to me in 2005 or 2006 thanks to Operation Shoebox. I was in Iraq at the time and her mail helped to make the days go by faster. I wish I could be there this weekend to celebrate her life.....

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**Barbara Boettcher** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ It was a true pleasure working "Giggles" over the years at Shoebox. She was at our table and was the highlight of the week for me. Your parents are two of the most thoughtful, caring, sweetest people that God has blessed us with. As her name says, Elaine was always happy, laughing, and never, ever complained. God bless your family. Our prayers are with you all.

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**Ann Miller** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Such a sweet lady and a very fun and loving couple. They cared about each other and they cared about Operation Shoebox and helping the military.

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**Sylvia Wagner** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Dearest Family, What a wonderful family to have gotten to know and appreciate. We'll miss Elaine as we have Dave. Please know you're in many peoples' thoughts and prayers. Love, Priscilla

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**Priscilla Maday** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ To my Halfie as I will always remember you. So happy you are together with your love Dave. Take care to your family. Take care to all who loved you. Jo Ann and John House 941-697-8030 Rotonda West. Fl. 33947

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**John and Jo Ann Wright House** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Richard, Mike, Kelly and David, We were so lucky to have known your parents and treasure the good times we had with all of you when we were neighbors on High Tor Hill. Your mom was a very special lady and we'll never forget her and all the kindness she showed us and everyone she came in contact with. Much love, Chris and Steve

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**Dr and Mrs Stephen Heyse** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Kelly, We are deeply sorry for your loss. Our hearts are with you during this difficult time. Love, Steve and Tenille

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**Steve and Tenille Moore** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I remember both of your parents with great fondness, and know how devastating mom's passing is. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the Drake kids and family. I love you, Merri, Josh Marcus & Chris Nickerson

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**Merri Marcus & Family** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dear David, Mike, Richard and Kelly, my heart is hurting with you all. What memories Elaine leaves for us to enjoy, smile and laugh. So sorry we can't be there for the celebration. Please keep in touch. You are still our family. Hugs, Becky and Jeff

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**Becky McArthur** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ To the Drake Family, No words can express just how I feel. Elaine (Giggles) was a wonderful lady. She loved her family and would do anything for someone she met. Candy table at Operation Shoebox will truly miss her. My prayers are with all of you. God Bless you and Love from Barb V.

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**Barb V.** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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